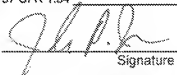


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2006 <i>(fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818))</i>			Docket Number 49931-0081																								
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